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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A PERCENTAGE INCREASE EXCEEDING TEN PERCENT OF THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNTS OF TWENTY LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS FOR CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTIONS SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16**

This is to advise your Board that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is scheduling a Board letter for the June 2, 2015, agenda requesting approval to amend 20 Legal Entity (LE) Agreements to implement the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program and the Homeless Family Solutions System (HFSS) Program and to establish new Maximum Contract Amounts (MCAs) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16. This Board letter also requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority to increase the MCAs for the 20 LE contractors.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy No. 5.120, prior Board notice is required for any department requesting delegated authority to increase Board-approved contracts over ten percent at least two weeks prior to the Board meeting at which the proposed contract is to be presented.

JUSTIFICATION

This authority will allow DMH greater capacity to amend the following 20 LE Agreements: 1) 1736 Family Crisis Center; 2) Alma Family Services; 3) Child & Family Guidance Center; 4) Children's Institute, Inc.; 5) Didi Hirsch; 6) El Centro de Amistad; 7) ENKI Health & Research, Inc.; 8) Hillsides; 9) Hillview Mental Health Center; 10) Pacific Asian Counseling; 11) Pacific Clinics; 12) Penny Lane; 13) Prototypes; 14) Providence Community Service; 15) San Fernando Valley Mental Health Center; 16) SHIELDS For Families; 17) South Central Health Rehabilitation; 18) Special Services For Groups; 19) The Guidance Center; and 20) The Help Group to implement additional funding and services in an expeditious manner.

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It will also allow DMH and its LE contractors to maintain business continuity in the provision of current mental health services to severely and persistently mentally ill CalWORKs participants and homeless families throughout the County of Los Angeles. In most instances where speed and response time are of key importance, the increased delegated authority will allow DMH and its network of contract agencies to maximize, prioritize, and increase access to services on a continuous and ever-increasing basis to its ever-growing clientele, which more effectively meets the County's mission, "To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service."

NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

Consistent with the procedures of Board Policy No. 5.120, we are informing the Board of our intention to proceed filing the Board letter with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors for the June 2, 2015, Board meeting. Should there be a need to exceed the twenty percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request to amend these LE Agreements accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contract Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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